MYERS BIGEL SIBLEY & SAJOVEC

Patent Attorneys 4140 Parklake Avenue, Suite 600 Raleigh, North Carolina 27612 USA

P.O. Box 37428

Raleigh, North Carolina 27627 USA

Tel: (919) 854-1400 Fax: (919) 854-1401



TELECOPIER TRANSMISSION COVER SHEET

Date:

April 5, 2005

File Number:

998-904IP

Telecopier No.:

703-872-9306

To:

Mail Stop AF

Examiner: Blankenship, Gregory A.

Group Art Unit: 3612

Company:

United States Patent and Trademark Office

From:

Needham James Boddie, II

Number of Pages:

17

(including cover)

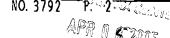
Return fax to:

Erin Campion

If there is a problem with this transmission, please call (919) 854-1400. Our fax number is (919) 854-1401.

Confidentiality Note

The information contained in this facsimile message is legally privileged and confidential information intended only for the use of the individual or entity named above. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, you are hereby prohibited. If you have received this telecopy in error, please immediately notify us by telephone and return the original message to us at the address above via the United States Postal Service. THANK YOU.



RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 3612

Attorney's Docket No. 998-904IP

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Gebreselassie et al.

Confirmation No.: 5860

Serial No.: 10/644,339

Group Art Unit: 3612

Filed: August 20, 2003

Examiner: Blankenship, Gregory A.

For:

VEHICLE COCKPIT ASSEMBLIES HAVING INTEGRATED DASH INSULATORS, INSTRUMENT PANELS AND FLOOR COVERINGS, AND

METHODS OF INSTALLING SAME WITHIN VEHICLES

Date: April 5, 2005

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF FEBRUARY 9, 2005

Sir:

Applicants provide the present response to address the issues raised in the Final Office Action (the "Final Action") mailed February 9, 2005. Applicants provide the present response pursuant to the rules stated in revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121 that became effective on July 30, 2003.

It is not believed that an extension of time is required. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.